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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING

SYSTEM 7 (\$\$7) USER PART MESSAGES AMONG SS7 SIGNALING POINTS (\$Ps) AND INTERNET PROTOCOL (IP) NODES USING

SIGNAL TRANSFER POINTS (STPs)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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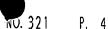
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated January 29, 2003, having a 1-month term for Response that will expire on <u>February 28</u>, 2003. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

## RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:



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<u>Groups</u>	<u>Claims</u>	Subject Matter
1	1-10 and 48-57	Drawn to transmission of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 467
II	11-14 and 58-61	Drawn to encapsulation of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 474
III	15-25 and 62-71	Drawn to the processing of encapsulated messages, classified in class 370, subclass 466
IV	25-31 and 62-71	Drawn to recovery in response to socket failure, classified in class 370, subclass 216
V	32-34	Drawn to a data structure, classified in class 370, subclass 469
VI	35- <b>4</b> 7	Drawn to a signal transfer point, classified in class 370, subclass 410

## APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-10 and 48-57, drawn to transmission of user part messages, classified in class 370, subclass 467, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 11-14 and 58-61, 15-24 and 62-71, 25-31 and 72-78, 32-34, and 35-47, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 11-14 and 58-61, 15-25 and 62-71, 25-31 and 72-78, 32-34, and 35-47.